



# City of Portsmouth, N.H.

## Police Department

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Dear Mr. Peterson:

This letter will acknowledge receipt of your Right to Know request for emails and email attachments from March 1, 2019 to present ending in @adl.org sent to/from Portsmouth Police Department employees and containing multiple search terms in the subject line.

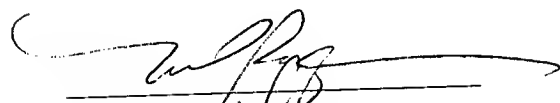
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Please contact the Records Unit if you have any questions.

Sincerely,  
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Chief of Police



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